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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Jacob Fitzgerald Goltry was born March 12, 1837 in Steuben County, New York. His family moved to Jennings County, Indiana by ox team and wagon in 1838. He married Emeline Force, daughter of David S. Force and Eliza (Day) Force February 16, 1860 near Hayden in Jennings County, Indiana. To this union were born thirteen children. Jacob enlisted for service on September 18, 1861 at Hardinsburg, Indiana to Company C, 37th Indiana Infantry. His service during the Civil War took him from Indiana through Kentucky and Tennessee to Athens, Alabama. He reenlisted February 29, 1864. After a thirty day furlough at home he went to Georgia where he was wounded at Pumpkin Vine Creek. He was discharged November 17, 1864 at the rank of Corporal and set home on to Indiana on foot.

In the spring of 1865 Jacob, his wife Emeline and other family members moved by train to Eddyville, Iowa and from there by wagon to Cedar Township, Lucas County, Iowa. It was here that he worked as a carpenter and built several homes in the area.

Jacob died October 15, 1914 and Emeline died November 19, 1934. Both are buried in Russell Cemetery in the town of Russell, Iowa.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes letters and transcriptions from Jacob Fitzgerald Goltry and his descendants in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Iowa ranging from 1861 to 2016 regarding correspondence between Jacob Fitzgerald Goltry and his wife, Emeline (Force) Goltry during his service in the Civil War.

These letters offer insight into the everyday life and sentiments of a Union soldier as relayed to his wife at home. References are made to the living conditions and provisions of the soldiers, information on the campaigns of Company C of the 37th Indiana Regiment between 1862 and 1864.

Also included in the collections are the transcriptions produced by Jacob Goltry's grand-daughter Margaret E. Goltry Dillman in collaboration with her sister Beryle G. Goltry Cole and compiled in a book written by great-grandson Charles M. Wright which is included in this collection.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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- Georgia
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- War wounds